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SUBJECT: FONMIN MWAANGA FEARS US WILL MOVE CLOSER TO SOUTH AFRICA

1. SUMMARY. TIMES OF ZAMBIA OCT 5 EDITORIAL AND REPORT OF LONDON INTERVIEW WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MWAANGA REFLECT ZAMBIAN URGING US TO USE ITS INFLUENCE ON SOUTHERN AFRICA AND DISSATISFACTION WITH INDECISIVENESS OF US POLICY TOWARD REGION AS WELL AS ZAMBIAN FEAR CLOSER US-SOUTH AFRICAN RELATIONSHIP. END SUMMARY.

2. FONMIN MWAANGA GAVE TIMES CORRESPONDENT INTERVIEW IN LONDON DURING HIS STOPOVER THERE ON WAY BACK FROM UNGA. ACCORDING TO TIMES, MWAANGA WARNED THERE IS "IMMINENT DANGER" US WILL SOON
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MAKE CLOSER COMMITMENT TO SOUTH AFRICA. MWAANGA

SAID HIS TALKS WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER WOULD INDICATE TO HIM THAT USG "HAS NOT NECESSARILY FORMULATED WHAT WOULD BE REALLY DESCRIBED AS A DEFINITIVE POLICY FOR AFRICA." DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WHICH MWAANGA ALLEGEDLY REFERRED TO AS AN "OPTION FACTORY," IS STILL REVIEWING ALTERNATIVE POLICY APPROACHES AND HAS NOT TAKEN FIRM STAND ON ISSUES. WHILE FOREIGN MINISTER DESCRIBED SECRETARY AS ADMITTEDLY STILL KNOWING LITTLE ABOUT AFRICA, HE CREDITED HIM WITH BEING INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE. SECRETARY HAD ASKED NUMBER OF QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT MWAANGA THOUGHT US SHOULD BE DOING IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND MWAANGA HAD RESPONDED WITH 25-PAGE MEMORANDUM ON SUBJECT.

3. EDITORIAL IN SAME ISSUE OF TIMES REFERRED TO MPLA LEADER NETO'S ALLEGATION SOUTH AFRICANS ARE ARMING FORTY THOUSAND ANGOLAN WHITE SETTLERS TO RESIST DECOLONIZATION. EDITORIAL CONCLUDED:

"OFTEN FRIENDS OF SOUTH AFRICA, ESPECIALLY THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT, ASK WHAT THEY CAN DO TO HELP THINGS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. THEY CAN NOW CERTAINLY AT LEAST USE THEIR TREMENDOUS INFLUENCE TO GET SOUTH AFRICAN ARMY OFFICERS OUT OF ANGOLA. NATO'S SHIFT IN MILITARY STRATEGY FROM ATLANTIC TO AROUND AFRICA (SIC) STANDS CONDEMNED SO LONG AS THE WEST, UNDER LEADERSHIP TO US, FAILS TO CONFINE SOUTH AFRICA TO ITS OWN TERRITORY."
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